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**MIDLAND MAN ADMITS TO ENTICING A MINOR OVER THE INTERNET**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced today that in Midland, Texas, 42-year-old David Braxton Burton admitted to using the Internet to entice a minor to have sex. As a result, Burton faces between five and 30 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Appearing before United States District Magistrate Judge Stephen H. Capelle this morning, Burton pled guilty to one count of Attempted Enticement of a Child Using a Facility in Interstate Commerce (Internet). By pleading guilty, Burton admitted that between August 8-10, 2004, and using the AOL screen-name "Lngnthck26," he exchanged explicit sexual messages via AOL instant messages with a person whom he knew was a 15-year-old Midland girl. Authorities arrested Burton in Midland on August 10, 2004, when he arrived at a predetermined meeting location in anticipation of a sexual encounter with the minor female. Subsequent to his arrest, Burton learned that for the most part, he was communicating with the girl's mother, who started pretending to be her daughter to converse online after she saw one of his messages to her daughter and became alarmed.

Sentencing in this case is expected to occur in December 2004 before United States District Judge Robert Junell.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Midland County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorneys John Klassen and Glenn Roque-Jackson are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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